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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 20, 2007.

The statement of allowable subject matter along with the Notice of Allowability is appreciated. This Communication is offered to clarify statements raised concerning International Publication No. WO 00/74818, U.S. Patent No. 6,190,432, and the invention.

The Notice of Allowability contends that International Publication No. WO 00/74818 discloses a filter cartridge having a projection arrangement including projections 814 in Figure 42. As described in the PCT application at page 49, lines 14-18: "The projection 814 might extend from a control arm of a retention mechanism, such as the retention mechanism 602 of Fig. 39. The projection 814 might also extend from a door, such as the access door 5 of Fig. 4. The first and second interlocking devices 804, 812 are constructed and arranged to interact with each other." By way of clarification, it is pointed out that the projection 814 in Figure 42 is not part of the filter cartridge 500 although it does engage the filter cartridge 500.

The Notice of Allowability refers to the filter cartridge of Figures 10 and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,190,432 as having a "rectangular" configuration. It is not seen how the filter

construction shown Figures 10 and 11 has a rectangular configuration. It is agreed that the ends 511 and 512 are semicircular joined by a pair of straight segments. See U.S. Patent No. 6,190,432 at column 9, lines 56-64.

The Notice of Allowability includes a statement on pages 2 and 3 that: "the filter cartridge being a z-filter having a sheath with projections extending outwardly from opposite sides of the sheath with structure inside of the housing and biasing..." It is understood that there is a typographical error in this statement because the language implies that the structure of the housing is part of the filter cartridge. It appears that the Notice of Allowability is trying to state that the projections on the sheath engage a portion of the air cleaner arrangement to thereby axially drive the filter cartridge and axially seal the seal arrangement against the housing. It is pointed out that claim 1, part (c), provides:

"the filter cartridge being positioned inside of the housing with:

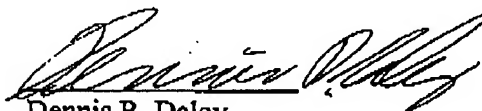
- (i) the seal arrangement axially sealed to the housing; and
- (ii) a portion of the air cleaner arrangement in engagement with the projections on the sheath and thereby axially driving the filter cartridge and axially sealing the seal arrangement against the housing."

The above comments are offered for clarification regarding the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 20, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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